111 MZ2 Bahrain

1: Belgrave, James H. D. Welcome To Bahrain. Stourbridge, England: Published privately, 1953.

Pp. 154; 3 maps; 30 illustrations.

Omitted from the file; Pp. 1-17 and 133 - 154 (advertisements).

Private copy.

/This book is intended to be a guide for tourists and travellers in Bahrain. In it the author, who was born and brought up in the country, describes the economic and political structure of Bahrain and gives a brief history of the islands. The local customs of the people are described and a survey of the towns and villages is made. A chapter is devoted to information likely to be of interest to the visiting Westerner: clubs, sports, the cinema, travel regulations, currency, clinics, etc. The book, in its entirety, is something more than a mere guide book. -- Analyst/

Field date: none
Analyst: Elizabeth Young

Evaluation: Foreign Resident-3
Processed in 1955

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2: Belgrave. The Portuguese in the Bahrain Islands, 1521-1602. The Journal of the Royal Central Asian Society, Vol. XX, pp. 617-630. London: Royal Central Asian Society, 1935.

Yale: Bj23-17-22

[The author describes the conquest of the rich pearl-fishing islands of Bahrain by the Portuguese in 1521, the struggles between the Portuguese, Turks and Persians for supremacy in the islands and the various rebellions against this foreign domination by the native peoples. Belgrave also relates a story from one of the local Shi'a histories of Bahrain about its occupation by the Portuguese--Analyst.]

Field date: none
Analyst: Olivia Maldonado

Evaluation: Government Official-4
Processed in 1955

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3: Bahrain, Government of. Census, 1950. Bahrain: Government of Bahrain, 1950.

PP. 16; 9 tables

Private Copy.

[Introduced with a colorful account of how the census was taken in 1941 and again in 1950, the Government of Bahrain publishes the result of the 1950 census. This census is broken down for locality, sex, nationality, occupation, religious affiliation, literacy and the number of dwelling houses. Both the actual number and the percentage are given. Due to the lack of birth registration, the ages of the population could not be ascertained. -- Analyst.]

Field date: 1950
Analyst: Elizabeth Young

Evaluation: Government Official-5
Processed in 1955

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4: Bahrain, Government of. Annual Report for Year 1372 (October 1952-September 1953)

Pp. 76; 8 plates; 3 charts; index.

Library of Congress Reading Room.

[This annual report of the Government of Bahrain consists of statements by the persons in charge of the various government departments as to the progress and services of said departments in the 1952-1953 fiscal year. Detailed accounts are presented, among which are those concerning medical services provided, efforts in the realm of public health to promote hygienic practices and prevent disease, the academic and health procedures of the school program at all levels (including vocational and professional training which was slight), efforts of the police and judiciary to maintain public security, the electrification program, and imports and exports. Government income and expenditures are noted in each instance, with much of the data in this report appearing in the text as unnumbered tables. For complete listing of the departments covered, see Index, p. 2, category 116.]

Field date: none
Analyst: Robert J. Smith

Evaluation: Government Official-5
Processed in 1955.

5: Government of Bahrain. Administrative Report for the Years 1926-37. Pp. 56; 1 chart: 30 plates.

Library of Congress: J. 693. B3R17. Near East Section.

[This source is a condensed report on the administration of Bahrain during the years 1926-1937. The Report is based upon the annual reports on financial and government departments. It deals mainly with the activities of the Bahrain government and contains pertinent information and statistics on the following topics: public finance, police customs, the judiciary, property system and regulations, agriculture, public works municipalities, the pearl diving industry and social and political development. --Analyst]

Field date: 1926-1937
Analyst: Majed Elass

Evaluation: Government Official - 5
Processed in 1955

6: Faroughy, Abbas. The Bahrein Islands (750-1951). New York: Verry, Fisher & Co., Inc., 1951.

Pp. 128: 1 map, 3 plates

Yale: AOS. Vn. F23

[The author, a professor of Persian and Islamic history, refers to this volume as a contribution to the study of power politics in the Persian Gulf. In relatively few pages Faroughy succeeds in producing a clear and concise presentation of the fact about the Bahrain Islands and their strategic importance. In the first section the author gives a general description including physical aspects of the Islands, pearl fishing, the discovery of oil etc. The second part of the book is concerned with history from ancient times to the present. The author relates the events which occur when the major European powers and Persia converge in the Persian Gulf area in modern times and which indicate the enduring strategic value of the Bahrain Islands. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Claire Nader

Evaluation: Historian-5
Processed in 1955

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7: Khadduri, Majid. Iran's Claim to the Sovereignty of Bahrayn. The American Journal of International Law. Vol. 45, No. 4, Pp. 631-647. New York: The American Society of International Law, 1951.

Middle East Institute Library

/This article, written by a political scientist, discusses Iran' claim to the sovereignty of Bahrain. The merits of the claim are discussed from both the historical and the juridical aspects. The article also contains information on the political history of Bahrain and a discussion of its international status in the present. --Analyst/

Field date: none
Analyst: Majed Elass

Evaluation: Social Scientist--4
Processed in 1955

8: Qubain, Fahim I. Social Classes and Tensions in Bahrain. The Middle East Journal, Vol. 9, pp. 269-280. Washington, D.C.: The Middle East Institute, 1955.

Yale: Bj59a. M58. v9.

This article discusses the social status of the peoples of Bahrain and the religious, political, and economic bases of tensions among them. The peoples considered are the Shi'is, Sunnis, Jews, Persians, Indians, and the foreign Arab groups. Four tables are included in the text from Government of Bahrain census material, three on the population by nationalitites, towns and villages, and religion, and one on foreign teachers in Bahrain. Also included is a map of the shaykhdom indicating roads, pipe-lines, oil wells, the refinery, date palms, and the rim rock area. The author, Research Associate in charge of the Middle East section of the Human Relations Area Files in New Haven, gathered material for this article while doing field work in the Persian Gulf area on a fellowship grant from the Social Science Research Council --Analyst/

Field date: 1952-1953
Analyst: Beverly Meeker

Evaluation: Social Scientist-5
Processed in 1955.